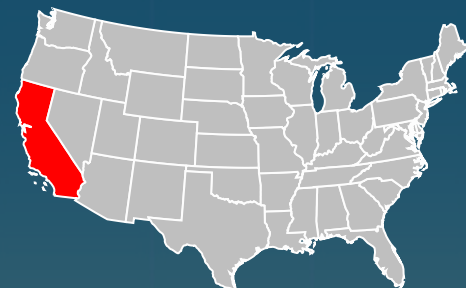




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SHIPS



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USS California (SSN 781)

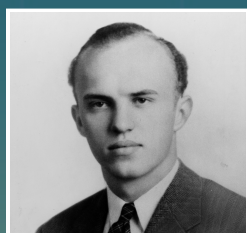
The seventh ship to bear the state's name, USS California (SSN 781), was commissioned in Norfolk, VA, in 2011. Her motto "Silentium est Aureum" means "silence is golden," underscoring the value of stealth in submarine warfare and honoring California's nickname "The Golden State."

More than 100 ships have been named after the state of California, its cities, places, and people. A few of those ships include:

USS Alameda (AO 10), 1919
 USS Alpine (APA 92), 1943
 USS Butte (APA 68), 1944
 California I (Screw Sloop), 1870
 California II (Armored Cruiser No. 6), 1907
 USS California III (S.P. 249), 1917
 USS California IV (No. 647), 1917
 USS California V (BB 44), 1921
 USS California VI (CGN 36), 1974
 USS California VII (SSN 781), 2011
 USS Carney (DDG 64), 1996
 USS Coronado (PF 38), 1943
 USS Coronado (LCS 4), 2014
 USS Cuyama (AO 3), 1917
 USS Glendale (PF 36), 1943
 USS Half Moon (AVP 26), 1943
 USS Long Beach I (AK 9), 1917
 USS Long Beach II (PF 34), 1943
 USS Long Beach III (CGN 9), 1961
 USS Los Angeles I (Screw Tanker), 1917

USS Los Angeles III (CA 135), 1945
 USS Los Angeles IV (SSN 688), 1976
 USS Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN 658), 1966
 USS Michael Monsoor (DDG 1001), 2019
 Monterey II (Monitor No. 6), 1893
 USS Monterey (CVL 26), 1943
 USS Monterey (CG 61), 1990
 USS Oakland (CL 95), 1943
 USS Robert K. Huntington (DD 781), 1945
 Sacramento I (Screw Sloop), 1863
 USS Sacramento (PG 19), 1914
 USS Sacramento (AOE 1), 1964
 USS San Diego (CL 53), 1942
 USS San Diego (AFS 6), 1969
 USS San Diego (LPD 22), 2012
 San Francisco I (Cruiser No. 5), 1890
 USS San Francisco (CA 38), 1934
 USS San Francisco (SSN 711), 1981
 USS Yosemite (Screw Steamer), 1911
 USS Yosemite (AD 19), 1944

PEOPLE



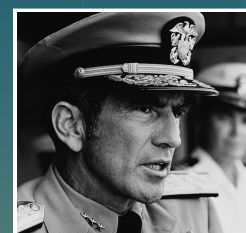
Robert K. Huntington Aviation Radioman 3rd Class

Born in Los Angeles, CA, in 1921, Robert Huntington received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary achievement as rear gunner in a torpedo plane during an attack against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Midway. USS Robert K. Huntington (DD 781) was named in his honor in 1945.



Roy "Butch" Voris Captain

California native Voris, a World War II flying ace in the Pacific theater, was handpicked by Adm. Chester Nimitz in 1946 to organize a flight demonstration team to showcase naval aviation. Voris led the newly named Blue Angels and their Grumman F-6F Hellcats in the team's first public performance.



Elmo Russell Zumwalt Jr. Chief of Naval Operations

Elmo Russell Zumwalt Jr. was born in San Francisco, CA. At 49 years old, he became the youngest officer to hold the post of Chief of Naval Operations. As a social reformer, he improved quality of life for Sailors and advanced equality for minorities and women in the Navy. USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000), commissioned in 2016, was named in his honor.

PLACES



Did you know?

California is officially nicknamed "The Golden State" because of the discovery of gold in 1848 and its fields of golden poppies that bloom each spring.



Naval Base San Diego is the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet, consisting of many Navy ships, one Coast Guard cutter, seven Military Sealift Command logistical support platforms, and several research and auxiliary vessels. Naval Base San Diego is home to 213 individual commands, each having specific and specialized fleet support purposes.



Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake is located in the Western Mojave Desert region of California, approximately 150 miles north of Los Angeles. The installation is the Navy's largest single landholding, representing 85 percent of the Navy's land for Research, Development, Acquisition, Test and Evaluation (RDAT&E) use and 38 percent of the Navy's landholdings worldwide.